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1. FIRST REPORT OF CRASHED ARTICLE 382 PILOT

2. CRASH OCCURED APPROX 5NM NORTH OF

AT 26/2013Z. THIS

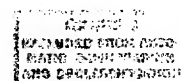
WAS THE SECOND SIMULATED CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE MISSION OF THE DAY
USING ARTICLE 382.

3. FIRST MISSION WAS UNEVENTFUL EXCEPT LEFT WING DROPPED ON FIRST
LANDING. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SATISFACTORY CONTROL COULD BE
MAINTAINED AND SIX MORE SATISFACTORY LANDINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED. THIS
WAS DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY BY PRIOR TO SECOND
FLIGHT.

4. ARTICLE 382 PILOT TOOKOFF AT 26/2000Z AND CLIMBED TO
APPROX 13M TO CHECK STALL CHARACTERISTICS PRIOR TO ENTERING CARRIER
LANDING PATTERN. HE ENTERED PATTERN AND MADE FIRST LANDING AT
2010Z. LANDING CONTROL OFFICER USN, MOBILE OFFICER

CPS REP WERE AT THE MIRROR LANDING
SITE POINT. ON TOUCH DOWN, LEFT WING SKIDDED ON RUNWAY FOR APPROX
50 FEET. POWER WAS APPLIED AND A TAKEOFF WAS MADE WITH AIRCRAFT

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COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUGGESTED PILOT CLIMB BACK UP AND RECHECK STALL CHARACTERISTICS PRIOR TO NEXT LANDING WHICH WAS RELAYED BY LSO

[REDACTED] PILOT ROGERED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. AT THIS TIME HE WAS LEVEL AT APPROX 400 FEET AND HE INITIATED A 45 DEGREE TURN TO THE LEFT AND COMMENCED SHALLOW CLIMB. CLIMB APPEARED NORMAL.

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5. [REDACTED] WALKED OUT ON TO RUNWAY TO CHECK FOR WING SKID MARK. [REDACTED] LOOKED UP AND SAW ARTICLE IN A SPIN TO THE LEFT AT APPROX 3 TO 4M FEET. AFTER APPROX A THREE AND A HALF TURN SPIN THE ARTICLE STRUCK THE GROUND.

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6. THE ARTICLE BURNED ON CONTACT. [REDACTED] BUT WAS TOO LOW FOR THE CHUTE TO BLOSSOM. HIS BODY WAS CLEAR OF THE SEAT WITH THE CHUTE PARTIALLY DEPLOYED.

7. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNDETERMINED. ADDITIONAL INFO WILL FOLLOW.

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REMOVED IMMEDIATELY ON ALL SEAT PACKS. DO NOT, REPEAT DO NOT,
REPLACE THIS LIFTING CHAIN WITH ANYTHING. ADVISE ON COMPLIANCE.

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